



*Executive Department  
State of Idaho*

*The Office of the Governor*  
**Proclamation**

*State Capitol  
Boise*

*WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body and stops people from moving; it is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, and every hour in the United States someone is newly diagnosed; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society reports that in our state more than 5,300 people are living with this disease, and multiple sclerosis generally strikes young adults between the ages of 20 and 50, attacking them in the prime of their lives, and affects more than 400,000 people nationwide; and*

*WHEREAS, symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis; and the progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of MS; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed throughout the years to mobilizing the voice of people statewide who want to do something about MS now, and is planning several major statewide fundraisers and educational programs to raise MS awareness; and*

*WHEREAS, Walk MS and Bike MS events are scheduled this year throughout the state of Idaho; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society provides programs and services to enhance the lives of those with MS and invests in research toward a cause and a cure;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 11-15, 2013 to be*

## ***MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK***

*in Idaho, and commend this observance to all our citizens.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty third.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter".

**C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Ysursa".

**BEN YSURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE**